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President Falconer  
Toronto University.

Dear Sir,

I am sending you, by parcel post, a number of copies of "The Origin of the Chemical Elements and of Cell Life", the product of fifteen years search after the meaning of the numbers which are found necessary to use in the division and classification of the different material forms treated of in the history of the earth and her life.

You will find a further description of my work in "Canadian Men and Women of the Time" (Morgan).

I am sending copies, under your care, to Professors Macallum, Ellis, McLennan, Coleman, and DeLurey, as specialist in particular subjects. Some years ago, I had a lengthy conversation with Professors McLennan, MacKenzie, and Ellis, concerning the work I had in hand, and described to them the clue I had obtained in the study of Bacteriology, of that form of cell holding a position as a balance in in the distribution of life, as quantities of gaseous electricity occupying a critical position in space etc.

Each of these gentlemen acknowledged the wonderful possibilities of my inclination or thought, and expressed their willingness to assist me in my work in any way they might be able to do, but had to acknowledge their inability to pronounce upon any part of it outside of their special subjects.

Professor Ellis, especially, has been very kind in response to my efforts, but recognises my work is more bio-chemical than chemical, and so I am sending each gentleman a book in order that he may have time to look over the work and be in a position to give his verdict of its value from his line of research.

I think you will find almost every avenue of investigation, marked with its quota of evidence verifying the discovery I have made of a primal system in numbers characterising the collection of electric charges making up the atom of matter and giving to that atom an inheritance in numbers that has forever fixed the atomic construction of all material forms.

The time has come when we must find a different explanation of the laws of "Evolution", than those advanced by Darwin and his followers.

The very life of the people of this world, of the city of Toronto, is being endangered, through our ignorance of the part which chemistry plays in the activities of life.

The religion of the people, the foundation of law and obedience to those in authority, is being made of no account because of the present

conception regarding the "spontaneous" generation of life. To-day, such a condition is acknowledged as impossible. If today impossible, then was it impossible "in the beginning".

The hypothesis, making the earth a molten mass, in its first condition, has prevented man from assigning to living things their proper origin and while such an hypothesis is believed in, the "Resurrection" can have no place in the mind of man as a pre-ordained law, a law that will finally bring forth a new creature, whose life shall be an everlasting one in harmony with a new Heaven and a new Earth.

I have published this work at my own expense, denying myself of those things which appeal to woman, knowing that "He who shall lose his life for My sake shall find it". I believe the control of life is within reach of those who have been so untiring in their search after its origin. The specialisation of research has isolated the indivisible condition of life energies, and the continuity of life can only be understood through a united study of all its forces.

I humbly ask a recognition of Toronto University of the value of my discoveries, if the Professorate find my work deserving.

Such a recognition would place the contents of the book before those whom I am anxious to reach, as I recognise the value of their time and the necessity that they should be assured of the worth of that which they are requested to consider.

It now appears to me I can proceed no further in this search, as I have not the use of a laboratory necessary for practical experiments. I have done some work in the endeavour to transmute one metal into that of another, and think I found some evidence of success, but was unable to prove it on account of my inability to analyse the products, and weigh them. The only way I had was to deposit a plating of copper, and this I was enabled to do by just dipping the article into the solution, obtained through the energy of a galvanic battery working on Zinc, the Zinc I believe being "food" for the growth of copper.

However, I am very anxious to secure the attention of those who are trying to find control of life and disease, as I am assured we are now in great danger of serious consequences because of the conception held regarding the part which bacteria plays in the scheme of life.

Trusting that my work will prove its worth and that Toronto will yield the "fruit of the tree of Life" as a growth of intelligence in harmony with the first great command of the Master "Let there be Light",

Yours very sincerely  
John E. Spragg Jr. Humboldt.

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April 14th, 1914

Mrs. Humberstone,

Newton Brook.

Dear Mrs. Humberstone:

I have your letter of April 10th.

I am sorry that I am not personally in a position to estimate the value of your work as I have never made a special study of Chemistry and Biology, and consequently my opinion as to whether it would be of any use to proceed further in your research would be of no value at all.

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 15th, 1914

Mrs. Huberstone,  
NewtonBrook.

Dear Mrs. Huberstone:

I wrote you yesterday but the books did not arrive until this morning, and they have been at once sent to the Professors to whom you asked me to have them sent.

I thank you for the copy which has also reached me and in which you were good enough to inscribe my name. As I wrote you I am hardly equipped sufficiently to be able to give you an adequate judgment on the value of the work.

Yours sincerely,

President.

